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1. Applicant's appeal Brief filed on 10/23/09 has been entered and made of record.
2. Applicant has canceled claims 4 and 6. Currently, claims 1-3 and 5 are pending. Examiner refers to the action below.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3 and 5 are allowed.
4. Applicant's arguments, see remarks/arguments pages 4-6, filed 10/23/09, with respect to claims 1 and 5 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35USC 103 (a) rejection of 1-3 and 5 has been withdrawn.
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANAND BHATNAGAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7416. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vu Le can be reached on 571-272-7332. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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